

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

The cabinet of the Epworth League of the First Methodist Episcopal Church met last evening at the home of Mrs. Alice Wagner in Uniontown Avenue. The names of four persons were proposed for membership. Plans were discussed for resuming the Junior League work the first of the month. It was decided to hold a reception for the little folk to be held Thursday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock. A committee composed of Miss Mystic McDowell, Miss Blanchard Brown, Miss Harriet Clark, Mrs. G. L. C. Riddle, and Mrs. Anna H. Miller were appointed to arrange for the reception.

Tomorrow evening Miss Jeannette Klinear of Pittsburgh who accompanied her father around the world last year in the interest of his business, gave a talk on her trip and lantern slides to illustrate things which she saw on her trip. Miss Elizabeth Anderson will sing, and a silver offering will be taken. The Epworth League and the Young People's Club will have a Christmas box containing canned goods, groceries, quilt patches, yarns, etc., etc. suitable to aged persons, to the Hamilton Home for the Aged at Uniontown. The aid of the members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of this city in the house. The box will be sent Thursday morning and persons having contributions to make are asked to bring them to the piano meeting tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Edith Simpson, daughter of Mrs. Allen Simpson of Girardton and Samuel Patton of Holloway, O., were married yesterday at the Second Presbyterian Church, Uniontown. Rev. Dr. Scott Bowman, the pastor, officiated.

Invitations have been issued for the annual assembly of the Laurel Club Uniontown to be held this evening December 20, in the club room. Maggio's orchestra of Pittsburgh will furnish the music. The house committee composed of Theodore D. Bliss, chairman, Dr. F. G. Robinson and W. B. Beeson, is in charge.

The semi-monthly meeting of the Outlook Club was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. B. Burgess. Others who participated in the program were Mrs. W. P. Clark, Mrs. Crossland, Miss E. M. Phoebe Dunn, and Mrs. J. H. Davis. Refreshments were served. The annual covered dish luncheon of the club will be held Monday afternoon, January 4, at the home of Miss Sarah Allen in West Green street.

The Woman's Benefit Association of the Macneebes will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Macneebes Hall.

A dance will be held Saturday evening in the Armory under the auspices of Company D.

Mrs. Margaret Herriman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Herriman of Kansas City, and Harold Waverly Collins, formerly of Smithfield, and now of Kansas City, were married on Wednesday evening December 16.

PERSONAL.—Soleson Theatre today—Mary Fuller in "Under Southern Skies," 5 reels, with "The Man from the South," 5 reels; "The House Boarding House" and "A Saphire's Revenge," both comedies. Tomorrow, Edgar Selwyn in "Pierre of the Plains"—Adv.

John Doyle of Pittsburgh was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brennan of West End street over night. This morning he left for Altoona to visit friends.

Mrs. J. P. K. Miller of Scotland, was shopping today at the store of O'Farrell. How delicious! That's what she said when she visited the new Jameson Chocolate at Stauffer's Book Store. They make an acceptable gift.—Adv.

Mrs. Marie Flanagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Flanagan of Troy, has gone to Pittsburgh to spend Christmas with her aunt, Mrs. Haney.

Mrs. F. H. Smith of West Green street has returned from a visit with relatives in Belmont, O.

Our line of candles are guaranteed to be pure and that prices are right. F. B. Luterman, 113 South Pittsburg Street—Adv.

Mrs. Cleve Higginson, widow of Kenneth Higginson, son of the mother of the man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Walker of South Connellsville.

Mrs. Cora and Laura Barnhard went to Pittsburgh this morning.

Mrs. Charles Watson went to Connellsville this morning via train. What did she want to spend for? A Christmas gift, \$1.00 or \$1.50? Why not slippers—always useful and appreciated. Down's Shoe Store have the nice ones.—Adv.

Mrs. Anna M. of Republic, was a Connellsville visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Little Bill of Broad, Ford, was in town yesterday on her return from a visit in Uniontown.

Stauffer's Book Store carries the same line of stationery that Mrs. Wilson had in her wedding invitations when she was married on The famous Royal Irish Linen.—Adv.

Mrs. Michael Goldberg and baby of McKeesport, are the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Goldfarb.

Mrs. Richard Howell of Dawson, was shopping in town today.

If you have jewelry or musical instruments on your shopping list, don't forget Herzberg's.—Adv.

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**CHRISTMAS PAY
IS BEING GIVEN
RAILROAD MEN**

Connellsville Division Em-ployees Get Their Checks First.

TRAFFIC BOOM AT FAIRMONT

Heavy Coal Movement Results in Every Man Being Kept Constantly on the Job; Monongah Division Trainmen Want Turnage Reduced.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad, which has given their employees a pay increase to use it for Christmas, has changed the pay schedule in order to give the local division employees their money first. The date of the pay has also been moved up several days so the pay would not be due until after the 25th.

Notice was sent out yesterday that the employees of the road end would be paid today. This will mean that there is a pay week to be had before Christmas, but it was the general opinion that it would come either on Thursday or Friday. Ordinarily the west end employees are paid the first day.

A large pay will be given out on this division for Christmas. Although there has been one pay already this month, every employee that was able to do so, worked every day and then the men on train crews got only the required amount of rest.

BOOM AT FAIRMONT

Every railroad man or any man able to do railroad work, has been given a job by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Fairmont. At that place no one is allowed to be idle except in case of death, sickness or marriage.

As a result of the full roll 3,300 carloads of coal were hauled out of the yards last week and shipped to points east. Officials there expect that with a sufficient car supply that from six to ten thousand loads could be moved in a week.

WANT TONNAGE REDUCED.

Individual trainmen of the Baltimore & Ohio have filed a case before the Public Service Commission at Chicago, asking for a reduction in the maximum tonnage of trains over the Monongahela division by reduced 100 tons to lessen the inconvenience from smoke in passing through tunnels, especially between Charleroi and Pittsburgh. The tunnel is 1,000 feet long and 100 feet off the face have been installed at the longer tunnels and that is the maximum tonnage of the division is 1,000 tons, the lowest on the system.

HIGHWAY FLASHES.

William Groat of South Connellsville who has been employed as a fireman of a steamship engine in the yards here has secured a job as a bookkeeper for the Baltimore & Ohio engineering division.

P. F. Lenhart an experienced foreman working on the new turntable in the yards, was hit on the side of his head last evening by a plank. He was standing near the turntable and when it started to move he was struck in the head and cut near the eye.

Mr. J. Campbell of the West Side, an engineer on the Sheepskin division is laying off for a few days. His home caught fire Sunday morning and was partly burned down.

Frank Eason, a Baltimore & Ohio engineer at Fairmont, is here spending a few days with friends.

Stocks of baggage handled by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad on its line from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati and Louisville in St. Louis shows that last year 511,000 pieces, including all kinds of trunks and valises, were handled.

The Baltimore & Ohio has brought its engineers here from Indianapolis to do the carpentry work on frame for the new turntable. The excavation is partly done and the carpenters are already making their forms preparatory to placing the concrete.

John C. Campbell, former Baltimore & Ohio railroad, will leave soon for New York, where he will join a musical comedy company, "Mistes Girls." Up until last week he was a busboy at the Hotel for the Baltimore & Ohio in Altoona.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad owns more cars per mile of track than any other road in the United States. According to statistics the road has 22 cars per mile of track.

Martin L. Greene, for several years division operator of the Monongah division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, died Friday at Grafton. He was well known on this section. For the past two years he had been employed in the telegraph department, being first train dispatcher at the time of his death.

After the concrete work on the turntable in the yards is finished, the concrete drivers will be taken to the ash pit, where a new bed of concrete will be put in.

CONFLUENCE

CONFLUENCE, Dec. 21.—Water was received here yesterday that Ursula King, a well known barber of Ursula, had died very suddenly Sunday night while on a visit to her daughter at Murkleton. He was well known here.

John Fisher of Bradlock, visited friends here yesterday.

Mrs. G. H. McDonald has returned from a visit with friends in Pittsburgh and Bradlock.

Mrs. John Heseltine who has been visiting friends in Connellsville, was home again on her way to Friendsville to visit friends.

Revival meetings will begin in the Methodist Episcopal Church here on January 2. Rev. L. W. Lettuce, pastor.

Mrs. Mary Pearce has returned to her home in Summersfield, after visiting friends in Connellsville and Uniontown.

G. C. Gross was a business visitor in Somerton yesterday.

Charles Pfeiffer of Ohio City, was calling on relatives here Sunday.

David Cronin of the West Side is able to be around again, after a general day's illness.

**AARON'S "SATISFACTION
GUARANTEE."**

That means that every purchase you make at Aaron's at any time must give satisfaction. And we stand back of this guarantee at all times.

The Practical Gift FURNITURE

The greatest satisfaction that comes from Christmas Gift giving is to know that you have made others happy and contented.

And the worth of the Gift is not measured by its cost—but by the care that is taken in its choosing. The name of AARON adds to the value of the Gift because it means that a most careful and judicious selection has been made.

Every piece of merchandise in this large money-saving store is reliable and made of the highest quality materials—we GUARANTEE them to give satisfaction. Furniture and other household needs are the logical Christmas Gifts because they last the whole year 'round and make those happy that receive them.

That's why we urge you to make your Gift selections here and now. The time is growing short—why not drop in today?

See Our Windows for Practical Gift Suggestions

"THE STORE OF THE

AARON'S

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT."

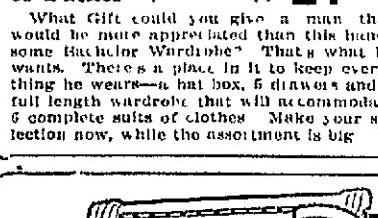
Genuine Tapestry Brussels Rugs, upward from \$11.75

Visit one of the largest Carpet Departments in the state and make your selection of one of our beautiful Rugs. Prices lower than anywhere in the city.

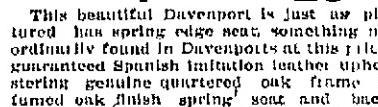
"THE HOME OF USEFUL GIFTS"



A Bachelor Wardrobe for Your Husband, Son \$21.50 or Father



\$45.00 Duo-Fold Bed Davenport \$29.00

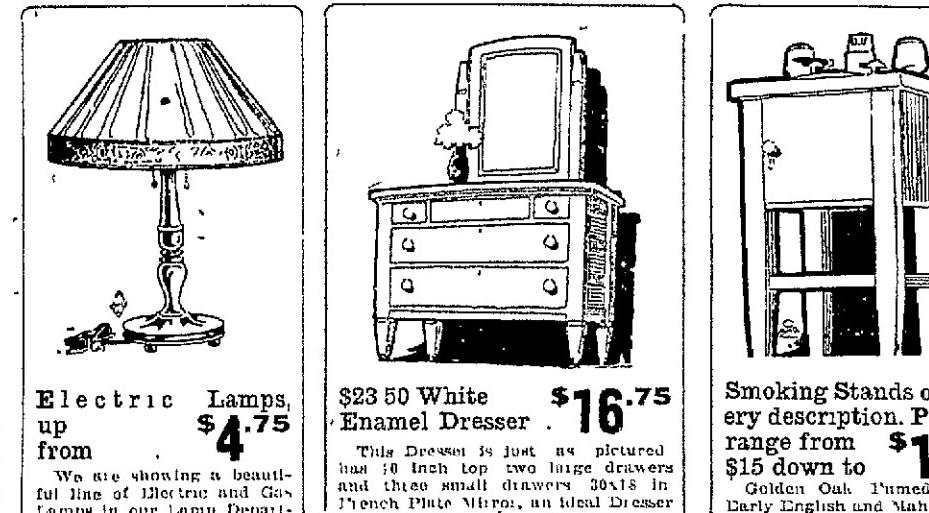
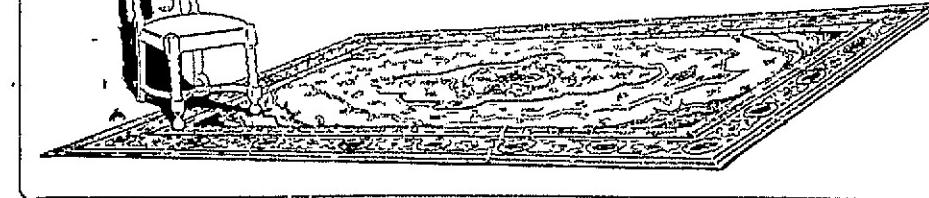


"White Beauty" The New Hoosier Cabinet. It Makes a Grand Christmas Gift.



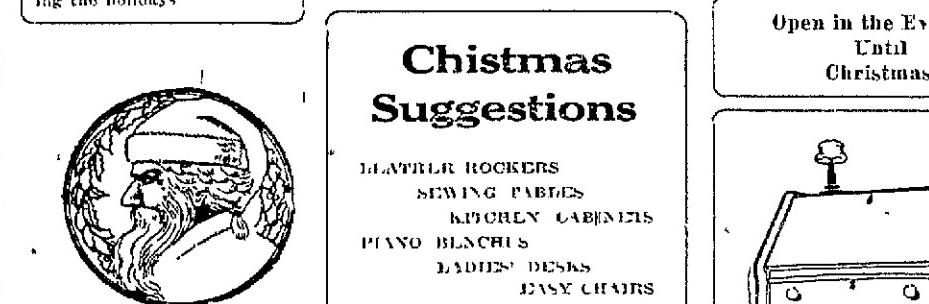
Order early for delivery for Christmas. There is no Christmas gift that will be so satisfactory to a wife. We urge you to send now for complete information about this wonderful new cabinet.

Don't put this off, don't wait this winter. Buy a Hoosier now. You will get the greatest convenience you ever had in your home, at the biggest bargain for which a kitchen cabinet was ever sold.



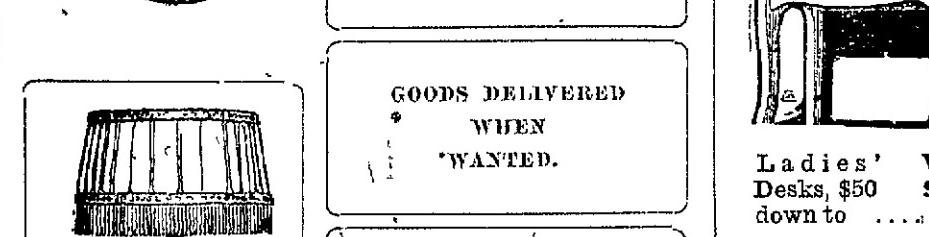
Electric Lamps, up from \$4.75 \$23.50 White Enamel Dresser \$16.75

We are showing a beautiful line of Electric and Gas Lamps in our Lamp Department at special prices during the holidays.



Smoking Stands of every description. Prices range from \$1.25 to \$15 down to

Golden Oak, Tuned Oak, Early English and Mahogany.



Christmas Suggestions

LEATHER ROCKERS
SEWING TABLES
KITCHEN CABINETS
PIANO BLANCHES
LADIES' DESKS
EASY CHAIRS



Piano Floor Lamps, ranging in price from \$35 down to \$18 to

\$25.00 Genuine Quarter Sawed Oak Dressing Table, three mirrors. \$18.75 Special Price

Parlor Rockers and Chairs of every description, all kinds of woods. Ranging in price from \$75 down to \$2.50

Large Size Child's Rocker, Fumed Oak Finish; Best Grade Imitation Leather Seat. \$1.35 Special

This Rocker is not a toy but a large size Rocker for a child six or seven years of age.

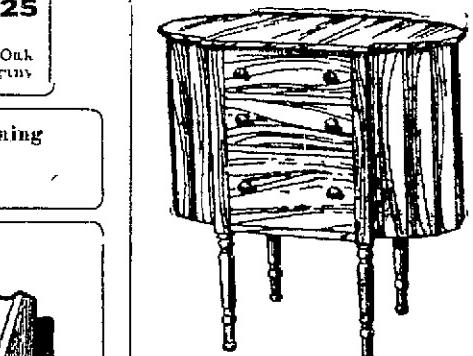
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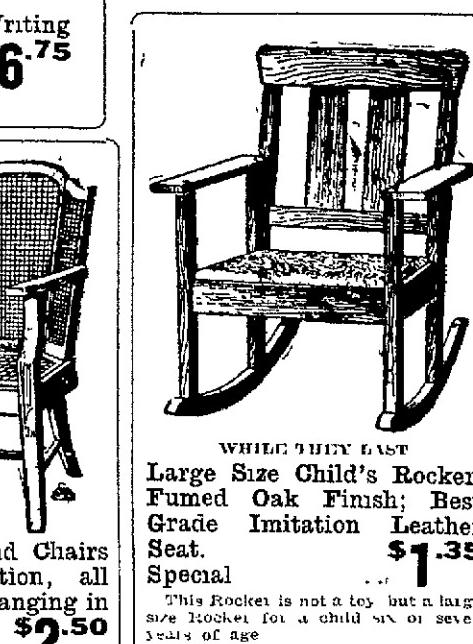
15-Piece Pastry Set, Wednesday Special... 25c

This set consists of fifteen (15) Kitchen Utensils, all neatly arranged in fancy covered cardboard carton 12x14 inches. The contents are:

1 Wood Noodle Board
1 Wooden Spatula
1 Blue Enamelled Bowl
3 Jelly Moulds, Blue Enamelled, White Lined
4 Large Cake Cutters
2 Small Cake Cutters
1 Scoop, Tin
1 Cooking Wheels, Tin and Wooden Handle
1 Cake Ladle, Tin



This Solid Mahogany Martha Washington Sewing Table. Special for \$12.75 the Holidays. A gift that is sure to please the recipient.



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1915.

THE DAILY COURIER, CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

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**COMMUNITY TREE
AT MT. PLEASNT
TO SHINE A WEEK**

It will be lighted for the first time on Christmas Eve.

SPECIAL EXERCISES PLANNED

School children will sing, band to play and other features on the program; no treat this year, as the weeks are now running full.

Special to The Courier.
MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 21.—The program for the exercises in connection with the community Christmas have been announced by Stephen Arkwright, chairman of the committee. On Christmas eve, at five o'clock, the church bells of the city will be tolled and the lights will be turned on the tree. The school children, under direction of Mrs. C. G. L. Gordy, will sing. The Minstrel Band, under direction of Orray Zick, will give a concert.

On Christmas night the tree will be illuminated, but there will be no special exercises. Sunday evening there will be a sacred concert, including vocal and instrumental solos, duets, quartets and choruses.

The tree will be lighted each evening of Christmas week and there will be band exercises on Wednesday and Friday evenings preceding New Year's. There will be no treat this year, as all the works are running full now, there has been little demand for charity.

The first aid and water committee of council met at the municipal building last evening and held an inspection of the rubbers, clothes of the firemen, rubber hats and coats which will be bought for every man in the department.

Alex Graham went before Justice of the Peace Frank Fischer yesterday and paid \$7 for Sunday setting rather than be arrested.

Unstable John G. Thompson yesterday下午 found a dog that had stoned him. The owner of the dog could not be found.

The closing of St. Joseph's school was marked by a very pretty entertainment, given for the benefit of the new school.

The following musical program will be rendered at the Uniontown Presbyterian Church on next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock: Miss Adelene Ramsey, "O Come Let Us Adore Him"; Vested choir: "The Star-Bethel"; Miss Elizabeth Ramsey, quartet: "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah"; Misses Helen Cort, Nellie Stevens, John Bowman, George Parrott, solo: "The Hallelujah Song"; John Bowman, organ; "Hail to the Lord of Glory"; vesting choir, "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia"; Sunday night, two priests, Rev. J. E. Hartman, with Rev. Burrell's Christmas story, "The Child."

Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the young people's societies of town will come together for a union meeting at the Uniontown Presbyterian Church. Mr. Crum, president of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will lead.

Mrs. Mary Jude, aged 22 years, who attended Hedges' home, was buried in the Shadyside cemetery yesterday morning. She leaves a husband and three children.

Mrs. Macabao, a well known colored woman, aged 55 years, who died in the hospital, was buried in the local cemetery yesterday.

Tony Ribot, one year old, of Rockwood, was buried in the St. Joseph's cemetery here yesterday.

SMITHFIELD:

SMITHFIELD, Dec. 21.—Steve Hatchell and Minto May Irink were married before a Justice of the peace here yesterday evening.

D. S. Irink and wife motored to Uniontown Saturday evening, where they done some Christmas shopping. Ernest Young of Uniontown was a business visitor here Saturday. J. W. Rankin of George N. A. was a business visitor Saturday. Mrs. J. N. O'Neill returned Sunday evening from a three day visit with relatives at Uniontown and Fairmont.

Members of the different churches met with Mrs. J. G. Sturgis, an aged and infirm lady of the community Sunday and held a prayer service. Miss Sturgis is the only surviving member of a prominent family of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sturgis.

E. J. O'Neill was a Uniontown business visitor Monday.

Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will hold their second food sale Friday.

James Daubert of Fairchance was a borough visitor Monday.

Grant Spitzer and wife were Uniontown shoppers Monday.

Charles Miller was a Uniontown shopper Monday.

John Justice of Uniontown was a business caller here Monday.

G. A. Peather and son, Ray, were business visitors in Uniontown Monday.

Gilbert M. Grimm is moving from the T. G. Shawmut property to his own property in Glass Township.

James Kennedy, Monday, from the Burton property to the G. M. Grimm property on Water street.

E. S. Birkbeck was a business visitor at Bowmont Monday.

BOOKS HIGH.
Increased cost of paper lists Paris Publishers.

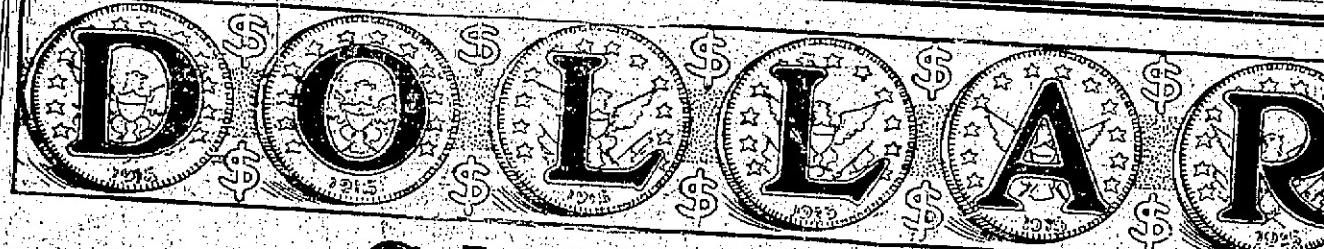
By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Books, following the upward tendency of many articles of necessity now cost 10 per cent more than before the war, to the retail bookseller. Whether the reader will have to pay this increase the retailers have not yet decided.

The reason given for the advance by the publishers is the increased cost of paper.

Patronize those who advertise.

**Tomorrow
Wednesday
Dec. 22
For One
Day Only**



A Most Wonderful Day For Christmas Shoppers

Tomorrow is the DAY—the greatest day of all for Christmas shoppers—their very own day—DOLLAR GIFT DAY! It is a whole day planned entirely for gift seekers—to save you time, to save you energy, to save you money. YOU WILL FIND EXTRAORDINARY SPECIAL VALUES ALL OVER THE STORE. Owing to the unusual appeal of such an event, the selling force will be taxed to the limit during the afternoon. So we ask all shoppers to COME IN THE MORNING, if possible, to equalize the service. STORE WILL BE OPEN TILL 9 O'CLOCK.

SUITS
For Women
and Misses



Thousands of women have already taken advantage of this sale—you save when the savings come in handiest and you get a full month's longer wear out of the garment you buy.

Coats
Women's and
Misses' Coats
\$4.90

Values Up to \$8.50.

A variety of good winter styles are included in this offer. Many fabrics to select from, such as plaids, fancy mixtures, etc. All sizes.

**Women's and
Misses' Coats
\$7.50**

Values Up to \$8.50.

Seven-fifty is a low price for any coat, but when you see the quality and style of the garments offered, you will be much surprised at the splendid values.

Dresses
Entire Stock at
Half Price

Seven-fifty is a low price for any coat, but when you see the quality and style of the garments offered, you will be much surprised at the splendid values.

French Serges, Silk Poplins, etc., in full skirt models with new stylish trimmings, all sizes; very special while they last.

\$2.95

A most charming variety of styles in handsome silk serges, combinations, colors and models so varied that all tastes can be suited.

Extra Special!

Dresses \$2.95

French Serges, Silk Poplins, etc., in full skirt models with new stylish trimmings, all sizes; very special while they last.

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A timely event, just in time for gift choosers. Not very many of them, so you will have to come early. Beautiful Pictures with antique gilt frame, worth not less than \$5.00, only \$1.00.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT SCOTTDALE AND ITS PEOPLE

The Boxing Game Will be Revived in Scottdale Saturday Night

WITH A CONTEST OF THE GLOVES

Scottdale Outplayed on Greensburg Floor; Former Secretary Grief Returns from Buffalo Association to Enter Lyceum Week; Other News.

Scottdale, Dec. 21.—The old fashioned boxing game is to be revived in Scottdale when a series of bouts will be held in the "Reeman Auditorium" on Market Street, a short distance above Broadwater. The first annual contest will open at 8 o'clock, when Young Daley of Latrobe, touted as one of the best fighters in the part of the country, meets his old time rival, Young Glenny of Johnstown, who met here Christmas evening.

"The boxing game is coming back to life all over the country," says Mr. J. P. O'Connor, "and we have Scottdale on the map." It has been a long time since the Pitt Town had a boxing contest, and I think a clean up-to-date boxing match will be a great novelty for the boys in the fair town. I am particularly expect to later get some of the best male glove artists in the country here."

SCOTTDALE LOSSES.

The Scotchmen lost their third season in Greensburg by defeating the Scottdale X's five, by a score of 28 to 29. Shupe was the star player for Greensburg, while Carroll gave a good account for Scottdale. The lineup of players was:

THREE RHO—25, SCOTTDALE—29, SHUPE—21, CARROLL—20, GREEN—19,

GROSS—18, BLOOM—17, BROWN—16, LAUGHLIN—15, THOMAS—14, SMITH—13.

Times of halves—29 minutes. Goals from Reid—Carroll 5, Shupe 4, Gross 4, Reed 2, Thomas, Bloom.

Foul—Shupe 5 out of 10; Gross 1 out of 5; Bloom 4 out of 10.

Substitution—Thomas for Shupe, Miller for Reid.

Referee—Graham.

THE SHOPS OPEN.

The Christmas week opened with a rush of shopping, but the stores Monday evening's business gave the merchants a renewed encouragement.

The number of people who devoted Monday to shopping for the Christmas season, the merchants report to have been very large. Saturday day was a good day for business, but to take up the burdens of "Blue Monday" and find that the buying was so extensive as to have given a distinct check to the Christmas week trade.

Conditions are now quite good from this standpoint in Scottdale, and they will be even better as the week end comes with some more pay due.

The heaviest business at the post office was observed that day, opening the week with a large amount of outgoing mail.

IN LYCEUM WORK.

William J. Grant, for several years secretary of the Scottdale Y. M. C. A., and who resigned his place this week to take the secretaryship of the Central Y. M. C. A. of DuBois, has resigned that office, and will go back into his territory, opening another line of endeavor. His resignation is effective at the end of the week, and he will take up Lyceum and Chautauk work again.

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REVENUE PROGRAM HAS DEMOCRATS IN A STATE OF WORRY

Republicans Believe Nation's Defense Will Split the Party.

TREASURY DEFICIT THE BOGEY

Congressmen Do Not Take Kindly to President's Ideas of Getting the Money; Attitude of H. R. Beluk Discussed in Washington Jibes.

Special to The Courier.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—There is a sort of political "melting pot" here now. It sizzled away today, with the continuing eddy of gossip over presidential possibilities going around in an unending circle.

It was all started by the news leakings about Mr. T. R.—also frequently referred to by his full name of Theodore Roosevelt—having been present at a dinner in New York a few nights ago given by Judge John M. Adams, at which the leader of the Bull Moose party was one of leading representatives of "big business."

Enough members of Congress, particularly those from the far-away states—have remained in the National Capital over the holidays in order to make up most of the hotel lobbies and with interested discussions and whispered conversations as to what it was all about. Did the dinner mean that the Colonel was getting in line to capture the Republican nomination for Presidency? Or, if not that, what did it mean?

Many reports and rumors have reached Washington, none satisfactory, as to what part Theodore Roosevelt expects to play in the Republican convention. In this connection it was said that he would support Hughes, if the latter could be persuaded to run; or Knox, or Borah or Cummings, or any man who, in his opinion, would carry out certain of the progressive principles while in office.

Out of the flood of comment and discussion which is being thrown into this presidential possibility, "melting pot," it is expected that scores of leaders there will be found to drop out, but after sufficient boiling the pot will simmer down so that the essence can be extracted. It is not believed by the political wheeler here, however, that this result is going to come soon. They are of the opinion that it will entitle Hughes to decide his choice to be made, at a time such as the present when the political barometer is still unsettled. It would be useless to attempt to make a final choice as to who shall lead the Republican cohort next year to what the political leaders believe will be a glorious victory.

And the principal reason which causes these leaders to believe that the Republican party will be back in power after next fall's election is that the Democrats are "on the side" of the public interest over the question of raising the necessary revenues for the preparedness program which President Wilson has recommended to Congress. A number of the Democrats realize only too well that if they do not vote for such a measure, it will mean their defeat at the polls at the next election. The tax on automobiles, on gasoline, on checks, on pig iron, and on steel manufacturers proposed by the President would not be popular with the constituents who are the Democratic Congressmen.

Most of the members of the lower body rather than of the Senate are doing the most thinking and worrying over the subject at present. Bond issues, increase in income tax and inheritance tax propositions, alternatives proposed, revenue values—such as "smelting"—"walking

thoughts" and "frequently" also the dreams of the Democratic Congressmen. What will be the outcome of their cogitations not even they themselves dare to predict at the present moment. One thing, however, is clear for "something to catch up." Measures always did, which will get them out of the hole they have "dug" for themselves, as Senator Jones told them in the Senate on the day they adjourned for the Christmas holiday recess, because of their passage of the Underwood Tariff law.

POLISH TOYS.

Their Supplant Those of Germany in London Trade.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Toys made by Polish refugees have to a considerable degree replaced German toys in the Christmas market in London this year. The designs for the toys were made by distressed Polish artists in London and Paris and executed by refugee men, women and children in England, France and Scandinavia countries.

Most of the toys are of wood, showing models of Polish peasants, their cottages and their farms or household utensils.

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At the Theatres.

SOISSON THEATRE.

"UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES"—The little favorite of the screen, Mary Fuller, appears at the Soisson Theatre today in "Little Blair" Parker's famous Broadway success, "Under Southern Skies." She is beautiful, full of spirit, of love and romance, in the society circles of the South. Mary Fuller, who plays the leading role, was born in Washington, D. C., about 22 years ago, of American parents. Her mother died when she was a child, her father is dead. She has three sisters who have never entered into the theatrical world. When quite a child, Mary showed tendencies toward the art of mimicry and would often go to the window and "act up to" before the crucifix mirror in the garret of the little house in which she and her family lived. She came to New York City to fight her own battles, secured a place in the home of the former mother, Mrs. Jennie Wilmoth. Mrs. Quillinan will be featured in "Zaza," and the following Friday Mary Pickford will appear in "A Girl of Yesterday."

MEYERSPALE.

"MYERSPALE," Dec. 20.—Mrs. R. Meyerspaale, Mrs. John Mason, and Miss Pauline Fredericks will be featured in "The Fatal Card" Tuesday, December 23. Pauline Fredericks will be featured in "Zaza," and the following Friday Mary Pickford will appear in "A Girl of Yesterday."

THE CONNECTING LINK.

"The Connecting Link" is a three reel Black western drama featuring Sherman Bainbridge and Eddie Sturdivant. It is a thrilling story of a young girl who is captured by Indians and killed in an explosion set by a dispeointed author. "Mrs. P. Runne's Boarding House" is a joyous Jester comedy with Max Asher and Gale Henry in the leading roles. "The Voice in the Fog" is a two reel western drama featuring Sherman Bainbridge and Eddie Sturdivant. It is a thrilling story of a young girl who is captured by Indians and killed in an explosion set by a dispeointed author. "Mrs. P. Runne's Boarding House" is a joyous Jester comedy with Max Asher and Gale Henry in the leading roles.

ARCADIA THEATRE.

"THE DANCER SIGNAL"—Danny Canavan, "The Man Who Had His Own Way," was, and is, a most remarkable character, a cringing abject coward, cowed and beaten by everybody. Before he was 40 years old he had become a power in politics; he conquered society, and became a woman's man. He is a "man of the world," the classic of turpitude. The swarming army of Canavan is told in "The Dancer Signal," master, photo drama, "The Danger Signal," released through the Klein Edels. Features the man who is the "Great Chinese" today. Nothing could be more like Canavan's dominating character. He wished for power and attained it by sheer force; he desired social recognition and obtained it. He was a show to him; he aspired to win a great horse rump and did it; and finally, he realized, he was a crowning desire by marrying a woman decided to be a "success" in society and an old maid. And this was accompanied by a man once cringing, browbeaten and lacking all confidence in himself."

GLOBE THEATRE.

"THE VOICE IN THE FOG"—Featuring Donald Brian, one of the most popular young stars of the American stage, is being shown today in "The Globe." Michael Cawein features a number of the most popular stars of the theater in "The Connecting Link," a joyous Jester comedy.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1915.

Wright-Metzler Co.

Double Silver Trading Coupons Before Noon

Comfortables and Blankets

Are Appreciated as Gifts

- Pink, grey, tan, blue Plaid Blankets, 60x80 in., part wool, weight 4½ lbs., \$4.00.
- Grey, tan, black Plaid Blankets, 60x80 in., all wool, weight 4½ lbs., \$5.00.
- White Blankets with blue border, 60x80, all wool, weight 4½ lbs., \$5.00.
- Black, white, blue, tan, pink, grey Plaid Blankets, 70x80 in., weight 4½ lbs., \$6.50. Same, 72x84 in., weight 5 lbs., \$7.50.
- White Blankets with blue border, 72x80 in., 5½ lbs., \$10.00.
- Pink, grey, blue Plaid Blankets, 72x82 in., 5½ lbs., \$12.00.
- Cotton-filled Comfortables, silkoline, various colors, 72x72, \$1.00.
- Cotton-filled Comfortables, silkoline, various colors, oriental design, 72x80, \$1.50 and \$2.00.
- Same Comfortables as above, wool filled, \$4.00.
- Wool-filled Comfortables, flowered Satine, plain border and back, 72x84, \$5.00.
- Wool-filled Comfortables, plain and flowered silk, 72x84, \$6, \$7, \$7.50, \$10.00.
- Same as above, with plain silk border and back, \$7.00.

Erector Toys, \$1.00, Tinkertoy, 75 pieces, to \$1.50.

Autos, Rubber Tired, Chain or Axle Drive, \$1.50.

Cat-Lynx, Genuine Fitch, Fitch Opossum, Clvet Cat, Natural Raccoon, Black, Red and White Fox, Iceland Fox, Pointed Fox, Beaver, Nippon Mink, Far Eastern Mink, Real Mink, Skunk and Hudson Seal.

Doll Horses, \$3 to \$9.00.

Shoe Files, 50c to 82c.

Decks and Chairs, 85c to \$7.50.

Doll Beds, 50c to \$3.50.

Tin Toys, 50c to \$1.00.

Sandy Andy, \$1.00.

New Games, Naval Toys.

Only 4 More Days in Which to Visit TOYLAND

That Fairyland for little people, which is so fascinating and alluring because of its hundreds of fine new TOYS. Many of them are absolutely new ideas, being shown this year for the first time. All are calculated to bring joy and happiness to the little ones on Christmas morning. Splendidly varied in order to furnish new and interesting ideas for boys and girls, in all the different stages of youth.

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Sweeping Reductions on New Millinery

Half Price

All Velour Sport Hats

All Hats Now Selling at \$18 to \$32.

Untrimmed Velvet Shapes Now Selling at \$2 to \$10.

More Than Half Off on Most of These



Hats that were marked \$9.00 to \$16, are now \$5.00.

Hats that were marked \$5.50 to \$9.00, are now \$3.00.

Hats that were marked \$3.50 to \$5.00, are now \$1.95.

Also One-Fourth Off on all Goura and Paradise

One-Half Price for Women's Suits, Furs and Dresses

Half Price for all Suits Regardless of Good Style and Quality



THIS HALF PRICE REDUCTION applies to every Suit in our immense stock. Nearly all are models in the very height of fashion today. A big Christmas Surprise Package for the women of this vicinity, in the way of savings amounting to one-half on Suits most in demand for the winter season.

Colors, Materials and Styles are Newest

Poplins, Serges, Whicards, Gabardines, Broadcloths and Velvets, all of which are good, fashionable, serviceable materials. Most all are beautifully trimmed with Fox or Braid or both. A few are plainly tailored. Models fashioned with convertible collars are shown in abundance. A wealth of colors to choose from, such as—Navy, Copen, African Brown, Russian Green and Black. Early selection is wisest as all best numbers will speedily move out at such low prices as these.

Suits That Were \$15, \$19.75, \$25, \$29.75, \$35, \$65 Are Now \$7.50, \$9.88, \$12.50, \$14.88, \$17.50, \$32.50

Toothsome Dainties for the Christmas Table

- First Choice Mushrooms.
- Premier Plum Pudding.
- Premier Strained Honey.
- Orster Cocktail Sauce.
- Hefin Beefsteak Sauce.
- Heinz Mince Meat.
- Melon Mangos.
- Imported Capers.
- Ripe Olives in Glass.
- Stuffed Olives with Anchovies
- Olive Relish.
- Olive Rings.
- Cucumber Rings.
- Maraschino Cherries.
- Candied Cherries.
- Candied Pineapple.
- Pitted Cherries.
- Jordan Water Shell Almonds.
- Oriental Cream Filled Wafers.
- Sun Beam Grape Fruit.
- California Novel Oranges.
- Florida Oranges.
- Tangerines.
- California Layer Figs.
- Cluster Raisins.
- Seedless Raisins.
- Dried Dried Dates.
- Sunbeam Imp. Walnuts.
- California Walnuts.
- Black Walnuts.
- Brazil Nuts.
- Salted Almonds.
- Pecan Meats.
- Black Walnut Meats.
- English Walnut Meats.

Fine Stationery for Gifts

- Writing Paper and Correspondence Cards, in hundreds of correct styles; packed especially for Christmas gifts. We are sure there is no equal variety in Connellsville, and nothing more artistic than we have here.
- Correspondence Cards, plain white and white with gilt edge, 25c, 50c, 75c, 85c Box.
- Correspondence Cards, plain and blue, 50c Box.
- Correspondence Cards, with gilt edges, in Cabinets, \$1.00.
- Writing Paper, plain white, 24 sheets paper and 24 envelopes, 50c Box.
- Writing Paper, plain white, blue, pink, 50c Box.
- Writing Paper, plain white, envelopes lined with different shades, such as pink, blue, black-and-white, 75c and \$1.00 Box.
- Writing Paper, 24 sheets paper, 24 envelopes, 24 correspondence cards, plain or gilt edge, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 Box.
- HOLY WREATHS AND CHRISTMAS TREES**
- Silver Vanity Boxes, with ring and chain, plain or fancy top, 50c and \$1.00.
- Silver Mesh Bags, \$1.00, \$3.50 to \$8.50.
- Pearl Beads, two sizes, 50c and \$1.00.
- Fancy Hat Pins, silver and jet, 25c, 35c and 50c Set.
- Friendship Pins, in different shapes, 25c 50c, \$1.00 Set.
- Lingerie Clasps, 50c Set.



Pay Half Price for Fur Muffs, Scarfs and Sets

FOR ONLY HALF PRICE you may make your selections from French Coney, Opossum, Silver Kit Lynx, Natural Cat-Lynx, Genuine Fitch, Fitch Opossum, Clvet Cat, Natural Raccoon, Black, Red and White Fox, Iceland Fox, Pointed Fox, Beaver, Nippon Mink, Far Eastern Mink, Real Mink, Skunk and Hudson Seal.

Wright-Metzler Furs are always reliable Furs. We vouch for them being Correct in Fashion, Superior in Quality, Supreme in Value, and assure you they will give lasting satisfaction. No doubt many will want to give Furs for Christmas. The better quality of Wright-Metzler Furs make them especially desirable for this usage. Those who DO give Furs will doubly appreciate this saying of one-half.

\$3.98 to \$125. Muffs are Now \$1.99 to \$62.50

\$3.98 to \$65. Scarfs " \$1.99 to \$32.50

\$5.00 to \$150 Sets " \$2.50 to \$75.00

The Best Dresses of Today are Yours for 1-2 their actual value

YOU MAY CHOOSE FROM Velvets, Serges

Poplins, Charmeuse, Crepe de Chine, and Taffetas. A delightful feature of the whole display are the charming effects in combinations of Serge and Plaid Silk, George-Crepe and Charmeuse, Charmeuse and Serge, etc., etc. Fur trimmings are a noteworthy characteristic of some of the choicer numbers. This display includes all the favorable colors—being unusually strong in the newest shades of blue and brown.

Practically every woman can afford another pretty afternoon Dress when she has the opportunity to get it for only one-half its actual value.

Dresses That Were \$7.50, \$10, \$12.50, \$15, \$17.50 to \$39.75 Are Now Only \$3.75, \$5, \$6.25, \$7.50, \$8.75 to \$19.50.



Gifts Found in Our Carpet Department

- Trunks, \$4 to \$30.
- Cedar Chests, \$15.00 to \$25.00.
- Matting Covered Boxes, \$6.75 and \$8.75.
- Bissells, \$2.75 to \$5.25.
- Bissells Vacuum
- Sweepers, \$8.00.
- Portiers, \$8.50 to \$5.
- Curtains, \$1.50 to \$10.
- Room Size Rugs, \$12.50 to \$60.00.
- Hassocks, \$5.00 to \$1.50.
- Tabourets, \$1.50, to \$2.25.
- Foot Rests, \$2.25 and \$2.75.
- Foot Stools, \$2.25.
- Smoking Stands \$3.50.
- Sewing Tables, \$2.50.

These New Books \$1.00

- "The Grey Dawn" — S. Edward White.
- "Belvoir, the Smith" — Jeffrey Farnol.
- "The Story of Julia Page" — K. Norris.
- "Hempfield" — David Grayson.



Men Will Like

- Silk Shirts, \$1.50 to \$5.00.
- Madding Shirts, \$1.00 and \$1.50.
- Silk Mufflers, \$2.50 to \$5.00.
- Belts, 50c to \$1.50.
- Belts with silver initial buckles, special at \$1.00.
- Silk Stockings, Mohair, Mohair, etc., \$1.00 to \$3.50.
- Men's Umbrellas, \$1.00 to \$3.00.
- Gloves, \$1.50 to \$5.00.
- Men's Gloves, \$2.50 to \$5.00.
- All kinds of Jewelry.
- Handkerchiefs, 10c to 25c to 25c.
- Imperial Silk Handkerchiefs, \$1.00 to \$3.00.
- Collier Bags, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 to \$3.00.
- Leather Handkerchief Cases, with 6 embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs, \$2.00.
- Suspender Belts, in fancy Christmas Boxes, 75c.
- Silks, Suspenders, and Garters to match, in fancy Christmas Boxes, \$1.25 Set.

Gifts of Ivory are Always Welcome

- Imitation Ivory Mirrors, \$1.25 to \$4.50.
- Imitation Ivory Hair Brushes, \$1.50 to \$4.50.
- Imitation Ivory Combs, 50c to \$1.25.
- Imitation Ivory Clothes Brushes, \$2.75 to \$3.
- Imitation Ivory Buffers, \$3.50 to \$1.15.
- Imitation Ivory Trays, \$1.25 to \$2.75.
- Imitation Ivory Hair Receivers, \$1.25 to \$2.
- Imitation Ivory Powder Boxes, \$1.25 to \$2.
- Imitation Ivory Nail Files, 50c, 35c, 50c.
- Imitation Ivory Shoe Hooks, 25c to 50c.
- Imitation Ivory Military Brushes, \$3.50, to \$4.50.
- Imitation Ivory Toilet Sets—Comb, Brush, and Mirror, \$6.00 to \$12.00.
- Perfume Bottles, 50c to \$6.00.
- Fancy Ivory Manicure Sets, \$6.50 to \$8.00.
- Ladies' Silk Petticoats, \$2.50 to \$5.00.
- Cotton Crepe Kimonos, \$1.00 to \$3.00.

These Articles in a Pretty Christmas Box

- Any one, or several, of these articles in a dainty box will gladden the heart of any woman on Christmas morning. Not only are they practical, but economical as well.
- Ladies' Bath Robes, \$2.50 to \$10.00.
- Ladies' Waists, 95c to \$10.00.
- Ladies' Crepe de Chine Corset Covers, \$1.25 to \$2.00.
- Ladies' Crepe de Chine Skirts, \$4.50 to \$6.50.
- Ladies' Crepe de Chine Combinations, \$6.00 to \$7.50.
- Ladies' Envelope Chemises, \$2.50 to \$4.50.
- Muslin Drawers, Gowns, Corset Covers or Skirts, 25c to 45c.
- Infants' Novelties, 10c to 50c.
- Infants' Caps, 25c to \$2.50.
- Infants' Dresses, 25c to \$2.50.
- Infants' Booties, 15c to \$1.50.
- Children's Mittens, 10c to 50c.
- Children's Fur Sets, \$1.25 to \$8.50.
- Misses' Furs, \$5.95 to \$25.00.
- Children's Bath Robes, 75c to \$3.95.
- Children's Kimonos, \$1.25 to \$5.00.
- Ladies' Silk Petticoats, \$2.50 to \$5.00.
- Cotton Crepe Kimonos, \$1.00 to \$3.00.

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A GREAT FOREIGN TRADE MOVEMENT IN STEEL MERGER

Is the Surmise Based on the Affiliations of Parties Interested.

LARGE SHIPPING CONNECTIONS

Indicate Far-Reaching Plans for the Extension of American Iron and Steel Trade in the Markets of the World Generally; Plans Shipping

Far-reaching plans having to do with the extension of American iron and steel trade in foreign lands are in the opinion of a writer, in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, with the proposed merger of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, the Lackawanna Steel Company and the Cambria Steel Company, the Newport News Ship Building Company and the Inland or Ironclad Steel Company.

It is pointed out that the National City bank interests of New York City, who recently financed the Midvale Steel & Ordnance Company, are interested in the proposed steel consolidation. They are the organizers of the American International Corporation, which is proposed avowedly to seek and hold foreign trade for American interests. And, too, the purchases by these interests of the seven Southern steel companies with the W. F. Grace & Company trade and shipping connections in Europe and South America, it has been announced, is deemed especially significant.

Again, it has been shown by usually shrewd observers that such a proposed steel monopoly would be most likely to be in the line of the suggestions favored by a recent referendum of members of the United States Chamber of commerce, it holding that American manufacturers and others should be encouraged to work together when the common purpose should be to the extension of American interests in foreign trade. With these suggestions in mind, it is interesting to note the developments in connection with each of the three steel concerns.

Actual negotiations for the proposed merger have already assumed definite form. Seventy-five per cent of the stockholders of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company have already voted favorable propositions to option their holdings at \$300 per share.

Options on a large block of Cambria Steel Company stock were secured ten days or more ago. Stockholders of the Lackawanna Steel Company have been considering the matter of optioning their holdings for several weeks.

Inasmuch as it may be months before everything is settled in connection with the proposed merger, the Cleveland Sheet & Tube Company is giving eight to ten with its policy of expansion. The Cleveland company has authorized the construction of an additional 500-ton blast furnace, adjoining the battery of 204 by-product coke ovens now under construction.

It is understood in Youngstown business circles that Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York and E. T. Stettinius, a member of the Morgan Hilliard-Philadelphia house of Drexel & Company, directors of the new corporation, while they have it that James A. Campbell, president of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, is slated for the chairmanship.

Owing to the recent activities of Mr. Vanderlip and other eastern financial people in the recently organized American International Corporation and their connection with the steel company merger negotiations, Young-

town steel men believe that the purpose of the merger is to effect greater economy of distribution, especially in respect to foreign trade.

THE DEMAND FOR STEEL SHOWS NO DIMINUTION

Handled with Orders on Hand, New Foreign Business Being Received; Railroads Buying.

Any belief that the volume of steel business was falling off, was dispelled during the past week by the marvelous report of bookings made by the United States Steel Corporation when an increase of more than 4 million tons in orders was shown. "A slight indication that the orders were still coming in at an enormous rate could not be given," says Finan-

cliff America.

"December is not usually an active month for steel orders, but the abnormal condition of times in every trade is liable to show that no precedent can be expected to follow this year."

"There has been no let-up in the imports from abroad, the mills being handicapped in keeping this business because of the large orders already on hand and the difficulty of shipping conditions." With such conditions prevailing, many of the steel companies had to turn down orders which they otherwise would have looked highly attractive. Conditions are still being offered and paid great attention to foreign interests for their materials although the larger companies are not doing any business at above the regular rate.

"Railroad inquiries for equipment and other articles, including finished steel, are good, and expectations are that they will become even larger with the beginning of the new year. This feature of the situation is perhaps the most encouraging to the steel companies' officials, because they view it as the railroads' activities are the best forecast of what the future business prospects will be."

"Steel plants of all kinds continue to operate at the highest possible speed, but it is not believed that any recent over-shuttering because the mills have been working at capacity for weeks and every available plant is in use." Estimated production during the first half of the year will show the largest total in the history of the industry. In this country is not doubted that bookings of all the steel companies are being made at high levels, so that the business turned out in the next six months will prove highly profitable.

It is practically certain that there will be a reduction in prices for a long time to come. Every important steel interest is looking for further advances—and this can only mean that the companies in the coming year will record earnings. The United States Steel Corporation now has orders on its books sufficient to keep its plants at capacity for at least six months, and some of the other concerns are said to have bookings for over a longer period.

The authorities feel that the bookings of the steel companies, in the fact that only a few contracts are in hand, and there is no doubt that those that have not been cancelled because since they were taken prices have been advanced rapidly. Moreover, that two months the steel companies have refused to take any contract, but have given the customers being forced to place actual orders and in many cases specifications had to be filed with the business."

COAL SALES IN GREENE

Unonton Men Get 197 Acres at Sheriff's Sale.

Harry L. Hogan and Charles J. Gilmour have sold to Hogan Taylor two acres of the Pittsburgh vein of coal in Gilmore, Greene County, containing 1,000 acres; consideration \$28,712.41.

One hundred and ninety-seven acres of coal in Center and Richfield townships have been sold at sheriff's sale of J. P. Tilton, Jr., Dr. Hopwood, Mrs. Henderson, and J. B. Adams of Unonton. The consideration was \$2,070, the amount of the mortgage.

A NEW COAL PLANT.

Expected to Restore Coalmines to the Map of the B. & O.

A large tract of coal land on the south bank of the Casselman River at Casselman has been purchased by E. Smith and Irvin Wolf. Preparation is being made to open up the mine to keep it in operation.

It is expected that the new venture will be the means of resuming busi-

ness life and activity. In the town of Casselman, which has been at a standstill since the Baltimore & Ohio railroad strike, new interests are without that point.

New Businesses at South Bethlehem.

With the completion of the adju-

nmental portion of the new mill, the new merchant mills of the Bethlehem Steel Company are functioning at their full monthly capacity of 8,000 tons, having now, in vicinity of South Bethlehem,

Gifts to President and Cardinal

Show Belgian Children's Gratitude



The commission for relief in Belgium, 71 Broadway, New York, received a few days ago Christmas gifts of scarfs, laces, embroideries and a jewel from the school children of Belgium for President Wilson and Queen of Belgium. The gifts, including documents of the feelings of the Belgian children, were sent to the President, colored cut-glass bowl, embroidered chalice cover and pillow for Cardinal Gibbons. Below is a sketch and ink sketch of President Wilson and Queen of Belgium, addressed to "The Loyal President of Free America From a Thankful Heart in Liege." No. 1 shows the gifts to members of the Wilson family and others. No. 2 shows enlarged, hand-painted scroll from a twelve-year-old boy of Liege, addressed to "His Excellency, Sir Edward Wilson, President of the United States of Wash."

PIT PROPS HIGHER

Prices Advance as Activity at the Mines Increases.

The increased demand for coal, and coke, and consequently greater activity at the mines, has caused the mine owners to raise their price to be very much stimulated. There is a larger need for pit props and prices have advanced as in previous years.

Standard split props which were selling somewhat slowly at 10 to 11 cents per cubic foot a month ago now bring 14 cents. Sawn rounds command

higher prices, and, of course, because of the urgency of the market, a choice lot of 5 inch rounds sold recently at 20 cents, being taken by an operator who found his stock depleted when prompt deliveries on other ordinary sizes were made.

The producers of props report scarcely in both lumber and coal supply. During the slack period the mines ordered props so sparingly and called consignments so closely, that the shipper was compelled to secure the business or to accumulate stocks against a better market. Now, however, prices rule, more attention is being given to this branch of the timber business. Wages for women and small hands have advanced somewhat proportionately with the advance in prices for the products, and they prepare for the market.

S. D. Slope & Company, Connellsville, who control a large tract between the Monongahela and the Ohio, Md., have placed in the market a number of new merchant mills of the Bethlehem Steel Company, 33 furnaces of which, with a monthly capacity of 8,000 tons, are now in operation at South Bethlehem.

A Huge Coal Contract.

Baldwin is the source of the information that the Baldwin Coal Company of West Virginia has closed a contract involving the delivery of 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 tons of coal to the United States Steel Corporation.

The contract is said to cover a period of three years, the delivery to be made at Gary, Ind., and other points of the Steel Corporation.

Coal Imports to Greece.

Coal was imported into Greece in 1914 to the amount of 400,000 metric tons, which is 71,265 metric tons less than for 1913. This decrease was due largely to the closing of the Dardanelles, the restrictions on the exportation of coal from England, and other causes. Importations in a small way began by American ships late in 1914.

And Other Practical Gifts.

Neckties . . . 50c to \$1.50

Hankiechiefs . . . 10c to 50c

Collars . . . 2 for 25c

Underwear . . . \$1.00 to \$4.00

Night Shirts . . . 50c to \$1.00

Shirts . . . 50c to \$1.50

A CHANGE OF METHOD IN COAL CAR DISTRIBUTION

To be Urged by West Virginia Operators Who Think Other Regions Are Favored.

The Coal Supply Committee of the Central West Virginia Coal Operators Association has made a report of its investigation into the problem of car shortage. The report is asserted that since September 1st, Connellsville and Somerset districts have been getting about 77 per cent of their maximum allotment of cars while Fairmont district has been getting only 57 per cent. The maximum allotment of cars from Baltimore & Ohio to the Connellsville district is 300 a day and to the Somerset district 600 a day, as against the present allotment to the Fairmont district of 500 a day.

A conference is shortly to be held with the officials of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad with a view to bringing about a more satisfactory situation with regard to coal supply. A plan is being considered which would provide that during the auto-car shortage, instead of distributing the cars pro rata day by day, give 100 per cent of cars to the mines in the region until the supply is exhausted, so that these mines will have 100 hours the following day to give 100 cars to the coal supply to the mines which had no supply the day before, leaving those 100 cars day before idle. Under the present percentage distribution in the mines are given 100 hours operation every day, but the output is limited that the cost of production is greatly increased.

Another suggestion is the placing of all the properties of sand, gravel, limestone, steel and other coal freight upon the percentage basis which governs the distribution of cars to coal mines.

Do you agree that every American should be a fair shot with rifle? Are you?

Have you ever shot a military rifle?

Do you know that inexperienced men do not average one hit in 10?

Do you know what you could do better?

If not why not learn?

Do you know that the National Government provides rifles, ammunition, range, expenses, etc., absolutely free to the National Guard?

Do you know anything about drill?

Could you handle a squad or platoon?

Do you know anything about taking care of yourself on a hike?

Can you cook your own rations, take care of your equipment, build a shelter tent or see if your needed rest on a hike or bivouac?

Do you know that the Pennsylvania National Guard is now supported to teach young men just these things?

Do you know that our system of government, every citizen is voluntarily supposed to learn these things?

If you believe in our system of government, why not learn these things?

At least one enlistment in the National Guard.

No young man can fail to be impressed with his lack of knowledge of the fundamentals of military training if he asks himself those questions.

As a former Company D officer, I hope that Captain Herwick flooded with enough enthusiasm to form another company. In former years Connellsville always distinguished herself and there is no reason why her present sons should not be ready to do the same in the dire emergency arose.

Information can be received by applying to Captain Herwick at the attorney on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings or daily at Boyce, Porter & Company office.

Miss Outfit Sold.

The complete mining equipment of the Franklin Coal Company at Westport, Md., has been sold at receiver's sale to M. J. Miller, owner of the acreage which was being operated.

YOUNG MEN URGED TO SERVE A TERM IN NATIONAL GUARD

Youth of the Nation Knows Little of Military Fundamentals.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS ASKED

How Many Times Can You Hit a Target With Rifle? Can You Cook Care for Yourself and Get Proper Rest on a Hike, Are Some Inquiries.

The spirit of preparedness has come home to homes. The youth of Connellsville is being asked to what it knows about soldiering.

Young men are being asked how much they know about military training.

There are some who have come to a realization of how long it would take them to learn to be an efficient military man in case this country were drawn into a war of defense. Little leaflets circulated by Captain J. G. Herwick and other officers of Company D contain the following questions:

Do you agree that every American should be a fair shot with rifle? Are you?

Have you ever shot a military rifle?

Do you know that inexperienced men do not average one hit in 10?

Do you know what you could do better?

If not why not learn?

Do you know that the National Government provides rifles, ammunition, range, expenses, etc., absolutely free to the National Guard?

Do you know anything about drill?

Could you handle a squad or platoon?

Do you know anything about taking care of yourself on a hike?

Can you cook your own rations, take care of your equipment, build a shelter tent or see if your needed rest on a hike or bivouac?

Do you know that the Pennsylvania National Guard is now supported to teach young men just these things?

Do you know that our system of government, every citizen is voluntarily supposed to learn these things?

If you believe in our system of government, why not learn these things?

At least one enlistment in the National Guard.

No young man can fail to be impressed with his lack of knowledge of the fundamentals of military training if he asks himself those questions.

As a former Company D officer, I hope that Captain Herwick flooded with enough enthusiasm to form another company. In former years Connellsville always distinguished herself and there is no reason why her present sons should not be ready to do the same in the dire emergency arose.

Information can be received by applying to Captain Herwick at the attorney on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings or daily at Boyce, Porter & Company office.

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**Various Branches Over State
Propose to Protect Them
in Winter.**

CENSUS HAS BEEN ORDERED

**Quails Will be Lured and Trapped
for the Winter if They Cannot be
Protected Otherwise; Hope to Make
State a Paradise for the Birds.**

Organization of the Wild Life League of Pennsylvania in all parts of the State have been asked to cooperate with the Game Commission and the Boy Scouts in organizing a plan for systematic winter feeding of quail and wild turkeys throughout the State. Many League branches had this fall in their budgets, but no general plan has hitherto been devised. It is believed all of the 80 branches will get into action to save what are left of the native quail and turkeys.

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MOSTLY BOY BABIES

**London Experts Do Not, However,
Blame It on the War.**

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—In the birth column of one of the London newspapers three-fourths of the births announced are of the male sex, according to a compilation put out with the theory that there are more boys than girls born during war times.

The Registrar-General's department, however, does not encourage this theory, on being questioned on the subject, the following statement was elicited:

"After the only great war the nation has waged since accurate statistics have been recorded, the Clerks there was no marked increase in the proportion of boys. The excess of boys over girls during the war was to 18,000, in fact that during the previous ten years."

A Lake Steamer Legend.
It is reported that a claimant that negotiations for a proposed merger of large freight-carrying steamer lines on the Great Lakes have virtually been closed. According to the information given out the merged fleet will consist of 60 vessels and will be operated under an adjunct of the proposed steel merger.

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Thousands of housewives all over this country have already taken advantage of this offer—for you may be sure that the women of this country know a real bargain when they see one.

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Remember this Aluminum Griddle needs no greasing. It doesn't smoke or make a mess. It is strong and durable. Baked on this griddle are more delicious than in the old way. If you haven't sent for your griddle already, get 50 cents worth of Karo from your grocer today, and send us the labels and 85 cents (P. O. money order or stamp) as quickly as possible so as to be sure of getting yours.

We will also send you a copy of the famous Corn Products Cook Book, which is the best in the world—so as possible—for the griddles are going fast.

**CORN PRODUCTS REFINING CO.,
P. O. Box 161—New York—Dept. F.**

I Haven't Time.

**Little Talk on Health and Hygiene,
By Samuel G. Dixon, M.D.,
U. S. Commissioner
of Health.**

The reason for good resolutions is approaching. Within a fortnight thousands of men and women will have resolved to begin the new year with a determined purpose, leaving off some bad habit or committing some effort at self improvement.

Human happiness so largely depends upon health that many of these resolutions will center upon continued good health. It is not so difficult in this age of self education to analyze our habits and discover where our weakness lie. Neither is it beyond the majority of us to plan a sensible course while awaiting to see what the world may provide.

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The SEA WOLF

JACK LONDON



Whenever One Looked Tired and Lagged She Let It Pass.

and the bellowing thousands on the beach compelled us to about at each other to make ourselves heard.

"I know men club them," I said, trying to reassure myself and gazing doubtfully at a large bull, not thirty feet away, upreared on his fore-lips and regarding me intently. "But the question is, how do they club them?"

She was as frightened as I at the prospect, and we had reason to be, gazing at close range at the gleaming teeth and doglike mouths.

"I think the tundra grass will make just as good a root," she said.

Far from her intention, her words were maddening me, driving me on I could not play the coward before her eyes.

"Here goes," I said, backing water with one oar and running the bow ashore.

I stepped out and advanced valiantly upon a long-manned hull in the midst of his wives. I was armed with the regular club with which the boat-puller killed the women seals gaffed aboard the hummers. It was about a foot and a half long, and in my superb ignorance I never dreamed that the club used when raiding the rookeries measured four to five feet.

"Do be cautious," she called after me.

I nodded my head and proceeded to make a flank attack on the nearest harem. All went well until I aimed a blow at an outlying cow's head and fell short. She snarled and tried to scramble away. I ran in close and struck another blow, hitting the shield instead of the head.

"Watch out! I may shout and scream."

In my excitement I had not been taking notice of other things, and I looked up to see the lord of the harem charging down upon me. I fled to the boat, hotly pursued.

"It would be better, I imagine, if you let harpoons alone and devoted your attention to lonely and inconclusive-looking seals," was what she said. "I think I have read something about them. Doctor Jordan's book, I believe. They are the young bulls not old enough to have harems of their own. He called them the holus-chickie, or something like that. It seems to me that they have tails."

"It seems to me that your feelings instinct is aroused," I laughed quickly.

She flushed quickly and prettily. "I'll admit I don't like defeat any more than you do, or any more than I like the idea of killing such pretty, lovable creatures."

"Pretty!" I sniffed. "I failed to mark anything pre-eminently pretty about those foamy-mouthed beasts that raced me."

"Your point of view," she laughed. "You lacked perspective. And there's that broken oar ready to hand."

"It just comes to me," she said. "That Captain Larsen was telling me how the men raided the rookeries. They drive the seals in small herds, a short distance inland before they kill them."

"I don't care to undertake the herding of one of those harems," I objected.

"But there are the holus-chickie," she said. "The holus-chickie hunt out by themselves. And Doctor Jordan says that paths are left between the harems and that as long as the holus-chickie keep strictly to the paths they are unapproached by the masters of the harems."

"There's one now," I said, pointing to a young bull in the water. "Let's watch him, and follow him if he hauls out."

He swam directly to the beach and clambered out into a small opening between two harems, the masters of which made warning noise but did

The second hit was easier to direct, for I built it against the first, and only three walls were required. But it was work, hard work, all of it. Maud and I worked from dawn till dark, to the limit of our strength, so that when night came we crawled stiffly to bed and slept the animal-like sleep of exhaustion. And yet Maud declared that she had never felt better or stronger in her life. I knew this was true of myself, but here, where such a silly strength that I found she would break. Often, and often, the last reserve force gone, I have seen her stretched flat on her back on the sand in the way she had of resting and re-operating. And then she would begin again. Where she obtained this strength was the marvel to me.

"Think of the long rest that winter," was her reply to my remonstrances. "Why, we'll be clamorous for something to do."

We held a housewarming in my hut the night it was roofed. It was the end of the third day of a fierce storm which had swung around the compass from the southeast to the northwest and was thumping directly up the bay. The boughs of the outer trees were thundering with the surf, and even in our land-locked inner cove a respectable sea was breaking. No high backbone of island sheltered us from the wind, and it whistled and bellowed about the hut till at times I feared for the strength of the walls. The skin roof stretched tightly as a drumhead. I had thought, sagged and bellied with every gust; and innumerable intercessions in the walls, not so tightly studded with moss as Maud had supposed, disclosed themselves.

Then, that she even glinted and showed bright, and she rapped it smartly with her club.

"My, it's exciting!" she cried, pausing from sheer weakness. "I think I'll sit down."

I drove the little herd (a dozen strong, now, what of the escapes she had permitted) a hundred yards farther on; and by this time she joined me. I had finished the slaughter and was beginning to skin. An hour later we went bravely back along the path, across the savanna. And once again we came down the path burdened with skins, till I thought we had enough to root the hut. I set the nail, laid one lack out of the cove, and on the other, laid out our own little inner cove.

"It's just like home-coming," Maud said, as I ran the boat ashore.

I heard her words with a responsive thrill. It was all so dearly intimate and natural, and I said:

"—as though I have lived this life always. The world of books and bookish folk is very vague, more like a dream memory than an actuality. I surely have hunted and foraged and fought all the days of my life. And you, too, seem a part of it. You are—" I was on the verge of saying, "my woman, my mate," but glibly changed it to—"standing the hardship well."

But her ear had caught the flaw. She recognized a flight that midmost broke. She gave me a quick look.

"Not that. You are—" I said. "Not that." The American Mrs. Maynell was living the life of a savage and living it quite successfully," I said easily.

"Oh," was all she replied; but I could have sworn there was a note of disappointment in her voice.

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"Something is going to happen—it is happening, for that matter. I feel it. Something is coming here, to us. You are—" I was on the verge of saying, "my woman, my mate," but glibly changed it to—"standing the hardship well."

"It's a lot show," I laughed, "and I am sure I'd rather be here than anywhere else."

"You are not frightened?" I asked as I stepped to open the door for her. Her eyes looked bravely into mine. "And you feel well? perfectly well?"

"Never better," was her answer.

We talked a little longer before she went.

"Good night, Maud," I said.

"Good night, Humphrey," she said.

This was the first night on the matress, and by far, was increased a hundred fold. And still we stood.

The pair of us, staring at each other.

I was aware of the demand for action, and my old impatience, strong upon me, I was waiting for him to take the initiative. Then, as the moments went by, I was at last impressed upon me that I was there, not to have Wolf Larsen take the initiative, but to take it myself.

I cocked both barrels and leveled the shotgun at him. Had he moved, attempted to drop down the companionway, I would have shot him in the limb. But he stood motionless and staring as before. And as I faced him, with leveled gun shaking in my hands, I had time to note the worn and baggad appearance of his face.

It was as if some strong anxiety had wasted it. The cheeks were sunken and there was a wearied, pucker'd expression on the brow. And it

Larsen's look—had kill him in his sleep. After that, all I had to do was to time and space in which to prepare to do other things; and besides, whatever new situation arose, it could not possibly be worse than the present one.

My knife was at my hip. I returned to my hut for the shotgun, made sure it was loaded, and went down to the Ghost. With some difficulty, and at the expense of a wotting to the waist, I climbed aboard. The forecastle scuttle was open. I paused to listen for the breathing of the man, but there was no breathing. I cautiously descended the ladder. The place had become dark and silent. And the steamer told the same tale as the forecastle. The hinters had packed their belongings with similar haste. The Ghost was deserted.

The reaction from my fear, and the knowledge that the terrible deed I had come to do was no longer necessary, made me boisterous and eager. I sprang up the break of the poop, and saw—Wolf Larsen. What of my impetus, and the bounding along the deck before I could stop myself. He was standing in the companionway, only his head and shoulders visible, staring straight at me. His arms were folded across his chest. The Ghost was deserted.

I began to tremble. The old stomach sickness clutched me. I put one hand on the edge of the house to steady myself. My lips seemed suddenly dry, and I moistened them against the need of speech. Not did I for an instant take my eyes off him. Neither of us spoke. There was something ominous in his silence, his immobility. And my own fear was increased a hundred fold. And still we stood.

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"It's a lot show," I laughed, "and I am sure I'd rather be here than anywhere else."

"You are not frightened?" I asked as I stepped to open the door for her. Her eyes looked bravely into mine.

"And you feel well? perfectly well?"

"Never better," was her answer.

We talked a little longer before she went.

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FOR PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS AT GRADE CROSSINGS

The Purpose of a Campaign by Officials of the Railroads.

AUTOISTS DISREGARD DANGER

Therby Becoming the Chief Offenders Against Rules and Measures Designed to Promote Safety at Crossings; "reckless at Uniontown.

The railroads of the United States have undertaken a campaign for the prevention of accidents at grade crossings. The American Railway Association has delegated committees of its members, all railway interests, to consider the entire question.

This committee will present recommendations after a thorough investigation, for action to be taken about a reduction of the number of railroads, one share of railway business, and one which is rapidly increasing, in spite of the many millions that have been expended by the railroads for the elimination of grade crossings.

The committee's recommendation is indicated by the fact that during the last 10 years the Interstate Commerce Commission has reported a total of 9,479 persons killed and 21,917 injured by being struck or run over, by cars or locomotives at highway crossings.

The records of crossing accidents show an increase fairly consistent with the development of railway traffic, although the percentage of the number of persons killed is less in proportion than the growth of the railway business, but since 1909 there has been a steady increase manifested by the falling off in traffic in 1914.

This is doubtless due to the increase in the use of automobiles.

Naturally, the chances for grade crossing accidents increase with the number of trains run, and the railroads, by heavier trainloading, have prevented the number of trains from increasing in proportion to the traffic, thereby holding down the chances of grade crossing accidents.

Nevertheless, many legislatures during the past year enacted laws requiring the railroad companies to run shorter, and consequently more trains.

The permanent remedy for crossing accidents is the elevation or depression of the tracks. Public authorities are coming more and more to the conclusion that the railroads themselves have shown a disposition to apply this method of the separation of railway and highway grades, but are deterred largely by the expense involved. It is believed, however, that the over-all cost of eliminating grade crossings is about \$60,000 each, a sum which, during recent years, of lean traffic on the railroads, has loomed large when considering the items of proposed betterments.

Statistics collected by the railroads show that automobile drivers constitute the largest class of offenders against common caution and rules of the road, relative to the risks assumed at grade crossings.

It was reported recently that out of 17,021 motorists approaching railroad crossings in a number of widely separated localities, 69 per cent looked neither to the right or left before crossing, 7 per cent looked in one direction, only 21 per cent looked in both directions, 9 per cent ran over the crossings at a reckless rate of speed, while only 36 drivers of the whole number observed stopped before crossing. Similar observations taken a year later in the same places after the usual general alarm had been sounded publicly to its horrors to reduce this kind of accidents and had appealed for the co-operation of the local authorities and automobile clubs, showed considerable improvement.

The Baltimore & Ohio had similar observations made at Uniontown on September 12, when out of 720 automobiles crossing the tracks at East

Fayette street, in 12 hours, only 28 stopped to ascertain whether or not a train was approaching, and 100 others drove over them. There were but 125 drivers who looked in both directions, while 542 did not look at all before crossing.

Where grade crossings have not been eliminated, many roads have placed some kind of signs or signals in the approaches, but even where protective devices are in service they depend for their efficiency largely on the attitude of the public using the highways. Engineers are trained to know the importance of sounding whistle signals at crossings, but many automobile drivers approach railroad tracks without any effort to ascertain whether it is safe to cross.

So regardless of the danger 40 automobile drivers found it necessary to stop at some crossing gates, made of telegraph poles, because automobiles persisted in breaking through ordinary gates when set against the highway traffic on account of the approach of trains.

THE CAR SHORTAGE

Statistics Show Shortage Not as Bad as Expected

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